

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 10, line 8, as follows:

In these drawings, numeral 1 designates a pair of preliminary rotating axles rotatably supported by bearing boxes 2 and 2a mounted on a frame 58 or the like (not shown). The preliminary rotating axles are adapted to move closer to or away from each other, as indicated by arrows in Fig. 1, by the operation of an actuator mechanism 3 made of a fluid cylinder or the like. At least one of the preliminary rotating axles, which is the case in the illustrated example, is rotatable in a direction indicated by another arrow in the figure by the operation of a drive source 4 via a transmission member 5 comprising a toothed belt, a chain or the like. The drive source is made up of a servomotor, an electric motor with a speed-change mechanism, or the like. The log M is supplied to a preliminary axis position by log supply elements 7, which are formed as V-shaped blocks and are freely movable up or down as indicated by arrows. The log M is then held between the preliminary rotating axles and rotated in the direction indicated by the arrow. Alternatively, the bearing boxes may be adapted to be independently movable horizontally and vertically as necessary, as will be described later, depending on the manner in which the log transport mechanism operates.